

# The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, direct support professionals, direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers, and paraprofessionals (referred to in this preamble as "direct support professionals") are the primary providers of publicly-funded long term supports and services for millions of individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, direct support professionals provide a broad range of support to include: preparation of meals, helping with medication, bathing, dressing, daily affairs, mobility, getting to school, work, religious, and recreational activities; and

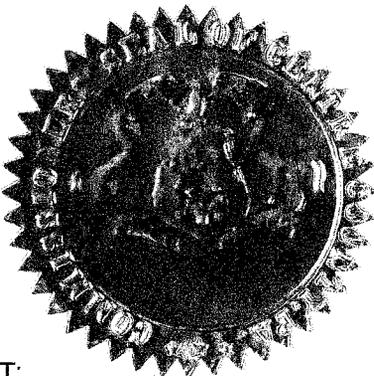
**WHEREAS**, these professionals must build a close, trusted relationship and enable individuals with disabilities to live successfully in the community to avoid more costly institutional care; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, the majority of support professionals are employed in home and community-based settings and this trend is projected to increase over the decade; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a documented critical and growing shortage of these professionals in every community throughout the United States;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby designate the week beginning September 8, 2013 as "National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week" in Centre County.

**ADOPTED** this 10th day of September, 2013.



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